

CAR Survey Prioritization

We are asking conference participants—RD, ZD, and WB—to select **up to five items in each of the following categories**: new recovery literature, revised recovery literature, new service material, revised service material, and Issue Discussion Topics. If you choose more than five, the software will respond, “this question requires an answer.” You can advance when you select or remove items so that your list includes five or fewer.

You’re being asked to select what you believe should be included on the final CAR survey that will be published in the CAR and posted on na.org for Fellowship response. That means considering not just personal or regional preferences, but considering what would benefit the wide world of NA. Sometimes that means thinking about underserved or underrepresented populations. If everyone just prioritized their own interests, we would never have published IPs for “young addicts” or those with “additional needs.” Considering the needs of newer and smaller communities within our Fellowship is the responsibility of the conference as a whole. There are always more needs than can be met at a given moment. Which do you think are most important this cycle?

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. We look forward to the results!

Please get your results in by the end of **Sunday 6 July**. We will combine all of the results and report back to you.

1. New Recovery Literature (choose up to 5):

- New Step Guide - focused for more experienced members
- New Step Guide - simpler for newer members
- New Step Guide - based on existing literature
- New book/workbook/study guide - 12 concepts – ideas include: Concepts Working/Study Guide, Guiding Principles for Service Committees
- New study guide - based on or for existing literature (*Basic Text, It Works: How & Why, Living Clean, etc.*)
- New study guide - for rapid review of Steps, Traditions, and Concepts
- New workbook/study guide - for the 12 Traditions
- New book - collection of personal stories of being of service
- New IP/Booklet - DRT/MAT —ideas include looking for a stand or position that is clear, defining clean or abstinence, clarifying who can serve, labeling this is an outside issue, saving lives and helping members take root, including personal experience, PR and MAT, other medical treatments—medical marijuana/psychedelics for therapy

- New IP/Booklet - Ideas and Experience of Spirituality —Ideas include explanation that NA is a spiritual not religious program along with personal experiences—something that could be used in PR, finding and developing a higher power, Step 2 and the restoration to sanity
- New IP/Booklet - Secular NA —Ideas include atheists in recovery, non-Christian/atheist/agnostics, working the Steps as an atheist/agnostic/non-Christian, secular & non-gendered language pamphlet
- New IP/Booklet - Relapse —Ideas include workbook or checklist for members who relapse, welcome back, replacement/substitution
- New IP/Booklet - Aging in recovery
- New IP/Booklet - Disruptive and Predatory Behavior –ideas include how to identify behavior and create a safe environment
- New IP/Booklet - Mental Health —Ideas include expanding existing literature, addressing trauma, emotional recovery, member experience working the 12 steps
- New IP/Booklet - Virtual Recovery —Ideas include getting clean on the screen, group booklet for online meetings, virtual membership and service basics, guidance for online meeting behavior
- New IP/Booklet – Dating, Sexuality, and Relationships —Ideas include sexual relationships in NA, navigating break-ups in NA, relationships with a non-NA partner
- New IP/Booklet - Welcoming LGBTQ+ and sharing experience —ideas include working the program and finding a home
- New IP/Booklet - Recovery Tools —Ideas include IP or SP with all of the program tools listed, spiritual toolbox: what to do when contemplating relapse, different ways to practice the program
- New IP/Booklet - Benefits of Service with Personal Experience —Ideas include spirituality in service, unity in service, motivational material
- New IP/Booklet - Women in Recovery —Ideas include carrying the message in male dominated communities, women-centric issues such as motherhood, menopause, sharing experience
- New IP/Booklet - Experience of Youth in Recovery
- New IP/Booklet - Grief
- New IP/Booklet - Autonomy as it applies to groups and service bodies
- New IP/Booklet - Long Term Recovery —Ideas include ongoing recovery, old timers have feelings too, keeping recovery fresh
- New IP/Booklet - New Members / Early Recovery —Ideas include milestones in the first year, getting clean and staying clean

- New IP/Booklet - Welcoming Newcomers and Helping Them Stick and Stay, what to do as a newcomer and how to treat the newcomer
- New IP/Booklet - Injury, Illness, Death —Something in IP form more readily accessible to newcomer
- New IP/Booklet - Our Symbol
- New IP/Booklet - Smoking/Vaping
- New IP/Booklet - Importance of Physical Activity in Recovery
- New IP/Booklet – Recovery and Family Relations
- New IP/Booklet – Finding our Identity—including ideological, political, gender...
- New IP/Booklet - Plain Language Literature
- New IP/Booklet - Denial
- New IP/Booklet - Spiritual Principles Dictionary
- New IP/Booklet - Being Self-Supporting
- New IP/Booklet - Loners
- New IP/Booklet - Recovery behind bars—with letters from members
- New IP/Booklet - Tradition 3
- New IP/Booklet - Tradition 12—Ideas include anonymity and virtual NA
- New meeting reading card/statement – Value of Service
- New meeting reading card/statement – Value of Sponsorship
- New meeting reading card/statement - Gender-Neutral Welcoming Statement—Ideas include acknowledging language in older literature may feel dated
- New meeting reading card/statement - Gender Neutral Reading Cards from Existing NA Literature
- New meeting reading card/statement - Develop a Clarity Statement about NA Language

2. Revisions to Existing Recovery Literature (choose up to 5):

- Gender-neutral language – In Reference to Members/People/Pronouns
- Gender-neutral language – In Reference to Higher Power/God
- Gender-neutral language – Removing Gender from the Steps and Traditions
- Gender-neutral language - Investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender-specific language to gender-neutral and inclusive language
- Gender-neutral language - Add Gender Identity to “What is the NA Program”
- Revise the Step Working Guides —Ideas include fewer leading questions, fewer questions in Step One, more questions in Step Four, more

encouragement to journal, streamline the process, and number the questions.

- Replace references to God with Higher Power throughout our literature.
- Revise the Basic Text: Add current service material footnote to end of Tradition 9
- Revise the Basic Text: Remove “under no surveillance”
- Revise Basic Text: Add updated stories
- Revise the *Sponsorship* book
- Revise Tradition 11 to include “social media”
- Revise Twelve Concepts booklet
- Update IP #26 *Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs* (1998)—Ideas include acknowledging current technologies and adding something about non-visible disabilities.
- Update the Booklet *In Times of Illness* (2010) —Ideas include add information on medical marijuana, therapeutic use of psychedelics, and clarity around prescribed medications.
- Update IP #30 *Mental Health* (2020)—Ideas include adding information on wellness and destigmatizing.
- Update the Booklet *Behind the Walls* (1990)—Ideas include adding services available and staying clean on the outside
- Update IP #24 *Money Matters* (2010)—Ideas include adding information on zonal forums and digital contributions.
- Add 12 Traditions Chapter from the *Basic Text* to the Introductory Guide
- Add IP #29 *An Introduction to NA Meetings* to the Introductory Guide

3. New Service Material (choose up to 5):

- New service handbook - Area Service Committee (ASC) Coordinator Service Guide
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Virtual Service —Ideas include guidelines for virtual platform, public relations, virtual areas and regions, connecting virtual groups to the service structure, virtual or hybrid service meetings
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Fellowship Development —Ideas include best practices for outreach, what FD is, and guidelines for committees
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Mentorship in Service —Ideas include practical training and how to implement mentorship in service bodies

- New service basics/service pamphlet - Best Practices for Writing Guidelines/Policy
- New service basics/service pamphlet - GSR Orientation/Workshop Guide
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Area Service Basics
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Planning an H&I Convention
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Group Inventory/ Group Pamphlet to do Annual Review
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Social Media—ideas include use of AI to do to public relations work and application of the Traditions in social media
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Tools for Managing Electronic Funds for Groups and Service Bodies
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Service Collaboration at all levels
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Trusted Servant Development
- New service basics/service pamphlet - PR Tools For the public
- New service basics/service pamphlet - PR Tools For government/criminal justice
- New service basics/service pamphlet - PR Tools For Treatment
- New service basics/service pamphlet - PR Tools Addressing Faith-based/secular
- New service basics/service pamphlet - PR Tools For Medical Professionals
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Internal PR Tools
- New service basics/service pamphlet - Literature Committees
- New service basics/service pamphlet - rotation and continuity in service
- New service basics/service pamphlet - NA and politics
- History of the World Service Conference

4. Revisions to Existing Service Material (choose up to 5):

- Revise *A Guide to Local Service* —Ideas include create a contemporary set of service tools to replace the *Guide to Local Service*, delete outdated information, add information on rural/remote areas and regions, add information on zones, add more best practices.
- Revise H&I Handbook
- Revise Treasurer's Handbook
- Revise PR Handbook
- Revise The Group Booklet —Ideas include adding information on addressing predatory behavior, how to make members feel welcome, virtual NA, the

importance of Traditions and Concepts study meetings, common needs meetings, expanded information on trusted servant roles

- Revise SP Disruptive and Violent Behavior —Ideas include adding section on predatory behavior, addressing online meetings, adding text from the IDT
- Revise SP Social Media —Ideas include adding information about online meetings, updating social networking guidance, including information on PR and H&I
- Revise SP Groups and Medications
- Revise Planning Basics

5. Issue Discussion Topics (choose up to 5):

- Disruptive & Predatory Behavior —Ideas include safeguarding policies, aggression at service meetings, racism, sexual predation, creating a safe and inclusive environment, the line between legal and group decisions, use of cell phones, and children in meetings
- Use of Funds, Fund Flow, and Fundraising —Ideas include 50/50 raffles, blockages in the flow of funds, anonymity in electronic funds,
- Working with others and sponsorship —Ideas include distinguishing NA from other 12-Step fellowships, sponsorship “families,” being there for one another, best practices, and sponsoring LGBTQ members in rural area
- Gender-Neutral Language
- Group meeting formats —Ideas include readings done in meetings, common needs meetings
- Attracting Members to Service
- Retaining Old Timers
- DRT/MAT —Ideas include helping newcomers take root, how groups are dealing with members on medication assisted treatment who wish to serve
- Mental Health —Ideas include addiction as a mental health condition, dual diagnosis, addictive behaviors
- Unity —Ideas include maintaining NA unity despite external politics
- Decision Making/Delegation —Ideas include consensus-based decision making and responsibility and authority over NA services
- Carrying the Message —Ideas include stories about recovery during the pandemic, how have we changed in our carrying the message as a result of the pandemic, and carrying a clear message in rural communities
- Social Media —ideas include group use and social media as a PR tool
- Medical Marijuana

- FIPT—Ideas include the use of logos and what can and can't be done with NA intellectual property
- Communication —Ideas include communication from region to areas, clarifying what is and is not in our literature
- Traditions —Ideas include the importance of the Traditions, unity in service
- Governing and Politics within NA —Ideas include the difference between service and government, politicking in decision making
- Helping Addicts Find Us —Ideas include use of technology to connect addicts with meetings and each other
- Virtual NA
- Aging in Recovery
- Public Relations –Ideas include navigating stigmatizing language in NA
- Spiritual vs. Religion
- Fellowship Development—Ideas include helping regions split from new regions
- The Evolution of Addiction
- Fostering a Better Understanding of World Services
- Creativity and Group Autonomy
- H&I Service in the Modern Age
- Collaborative Planning
- Welcoming and Safety (including DRT/MAT)
- Women in Recovery
- Tradition 3 and Membership/Abstinence